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New recycling program in place for County residents

On July 27 the Henry County Refuse Department began accepting used motor oil, antifreeze, and vehicle batteries at its Jack Dalton Road Convenience Center. This site is located behind the County Administration on Kings Mountain Road.

As with all use of the Convenience Centers, this option is available to residents of Henry County only. Henry County will not accept oil, antifreeze, or batteries from businesses or from non-residents.

This is a pilot program, and its future depends on how well our citizens and county staff work together to ensure its success. Therefore, we ask that you follow these important rules in bringing oil, antifreeze, and vehicle batteries to our site:

1. All motor oil and antifreeze will be recycled - it is extremely important that nothing is mixed in with these fluids.
2. All the batteries will be recycled - it is extremely important that there is no damage to the battery or its casing.
3. We have on hand 55-gallon drums for your oil and antifreeze, and staff will assist you, whenever possible, to pour your fluids into the appropriate drums. You are asked to bring your used oil and antifreeze in a three-gallon container or smaller.
4. Staff also will assist you, whenever possible, to dispose of your batteries.
5. To help ensure that staff will be able to provide adequate assistance at the site, you are asked to bring your oil, antifreeze, and batteries between the hours of 7 a.m. to noon and from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Any questions or concerns regarding this pilot program should be directed to Michael S. Amos, Department Manager, at (276) 634-2503.

RTI Metals on the move in Henry County

RTI International Metals' recent delivery of a massive forging press confirms the company's commitment to its \$100 million, 150-job titanium operation and puts the company on track for a mid-2010 projected opening. When all construction is complete, the RTI facilities will encompass 310,000+/- square-foot.

The company's new machinery provided some interesting late-night entertainment in July, when three separate shipments arrived from Virginia's ports via tractor trailers. The massive shipments had many citizens watching from nearby streets and corners as the pieces were delivered in the middle of the night.

As RTI gets closer to opening, the newest shell building in the Patriot Centre is just about complete. This new facility will have 100,000+ square-feet of area and a pad site available to double its size with no additional grading.

Make sure you prepare for hurricane season

Hurricane season is here. Do you have an emergency supply kit?

It could take days for help to arrive if businesses close, fallen trees block roads, and power goes out in your area. You need supplies on hand to last at least three days for each family member. Start your emergency kit with these essential items:

- Food that won't spoil, such as canned goods and packaged foods
- Water, one gallon per person per day
- A working battery-operated radio and extra batteries
- A written family emergency plan

Once you gather these basics, put them in waterproof containers that you can carry or roll in case you need to leave your home quickly. Old suitcases or backpacks can also hold supplies.

Other items are useful in an emergency supply kit, such as flashlights with extra batteries, a first aid kit, a list of prescriptions and doctors and a supply of medications, food and water for your pets, and special items for babies, disabled or older family members.

Think that's too much to do? At least get started with the essential items, and then add to your kit. For a downloadable family plan worksheet, go to www.ReadyVirginia.gov and click on **Make a Plan**.

Emergency preparedness is everyone's responsibility. Everyone should be prepared to be self-sufficient for at least the first 72 hours, and everyone should have a family emergency plan.

For more information, visit www.ReadyVirginia.gov or contact the Department of Public Safety at 634-4660.

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